

State of Hawaii  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Division of Aquatic Resources  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 8, 2010

Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**Request for Approval to Temporarily Close the Bottomfish Fishing Season for All State Marine Waters Surrounding the Existing Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Areas in the Main Hawaiian Islands from May 1 through August 31, 2010**

Submitted for your consideration and approval is a request to temporarily stop the fishing for bottomfish for all state marine waters that surround the existing bottomfish restricted fishing areas in the main Hawaiian islands. This action is necessary to remain consistent with federal fisheries regulations for bottomfish.

The federal NOAA fisheries should declare closure to fishing for bottomfish in its waters on/around May 1, 2010, when it is expected that the declared total allowable catch (TAC) of 254,050 pounds will be reached. The federal bottomfish fishing season begins September 1 and ends on August 31, or when the TAC is attained.

The authority for the Board to establish an annual fishing season was established by the Legislature in 2008 (187A-5.5, HRS). Section 187A-5.5, HRS requires fishing seasons and other stated options to be consistent with federal regulations to remedy overfishing situations; this statute implements monitoring for an annual quota that requires a rapid and coordinated response.

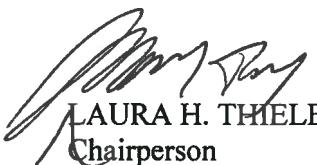
**RECOMMENDATION:**

**"That the Board approve the temporary closure to fishing for bottomfish for all state marine waters that surround the existing bottomfish restricted fishing areas in the main Hawaiian islands from May 1 through August 31, 2010."**

Respectfully submitted,

  
*for*  
Administrator  
Division of Aquatic Resources

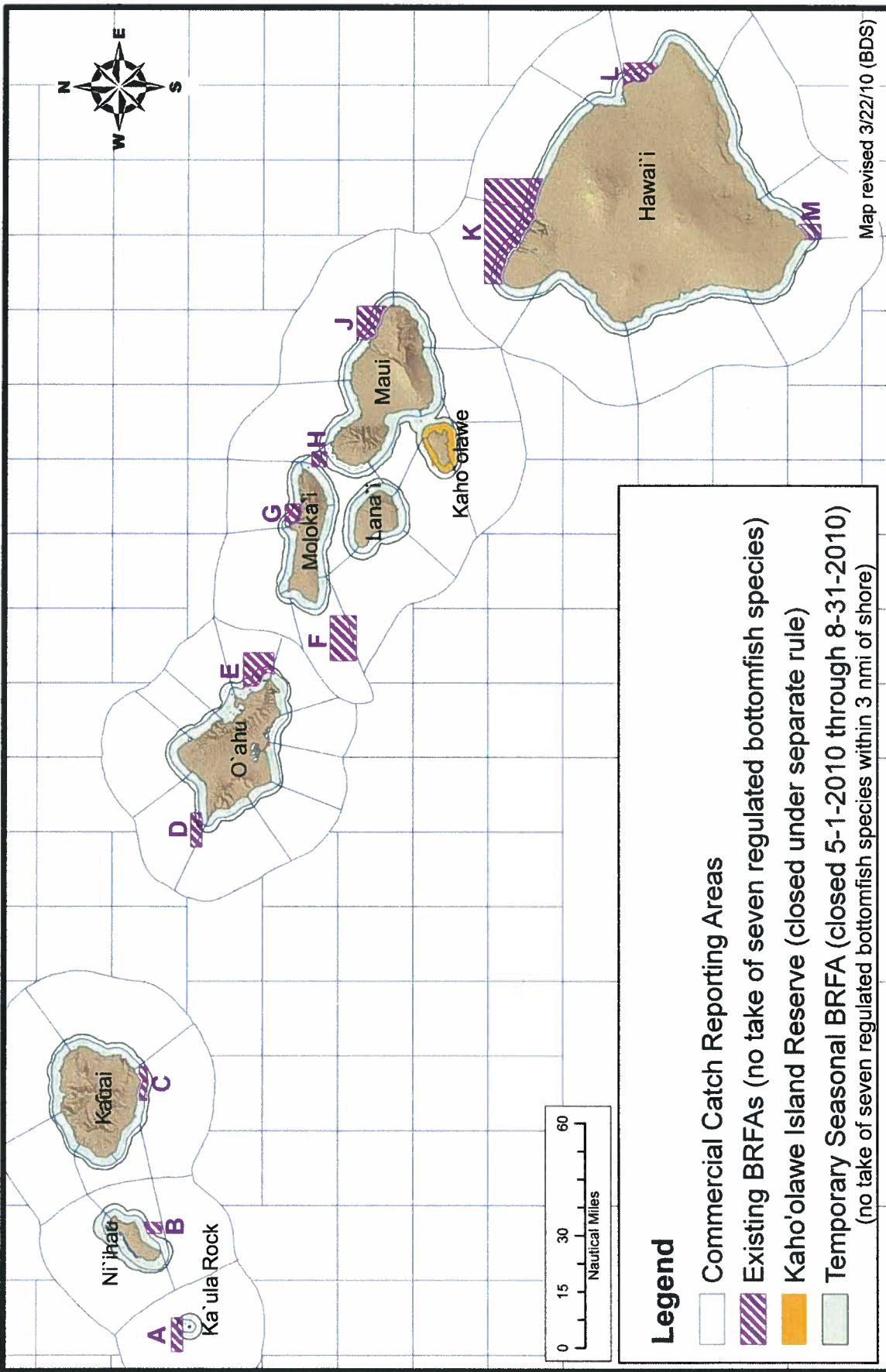
**APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:**

  
LAURA H. THIELEN  
Chairperson

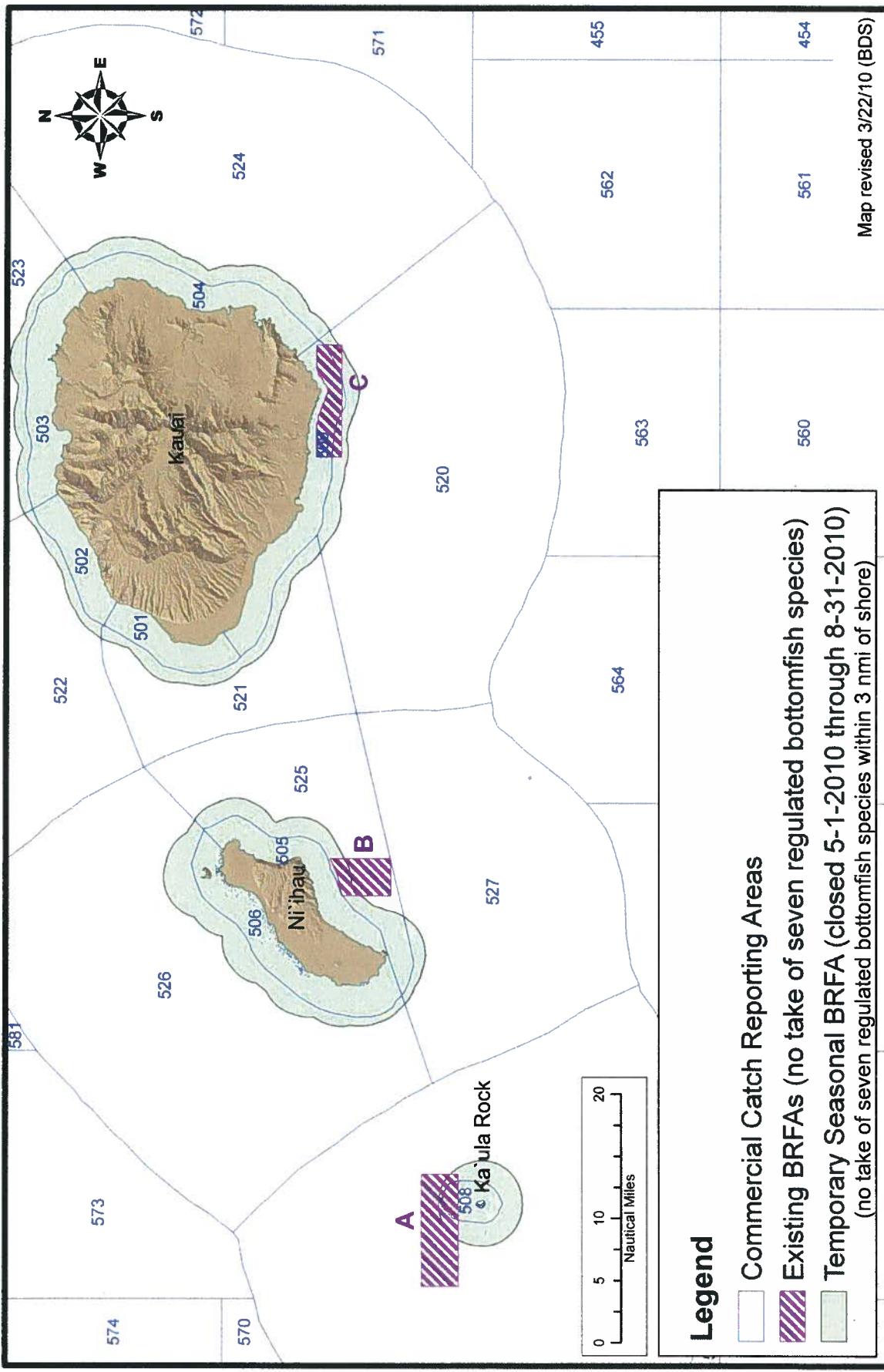
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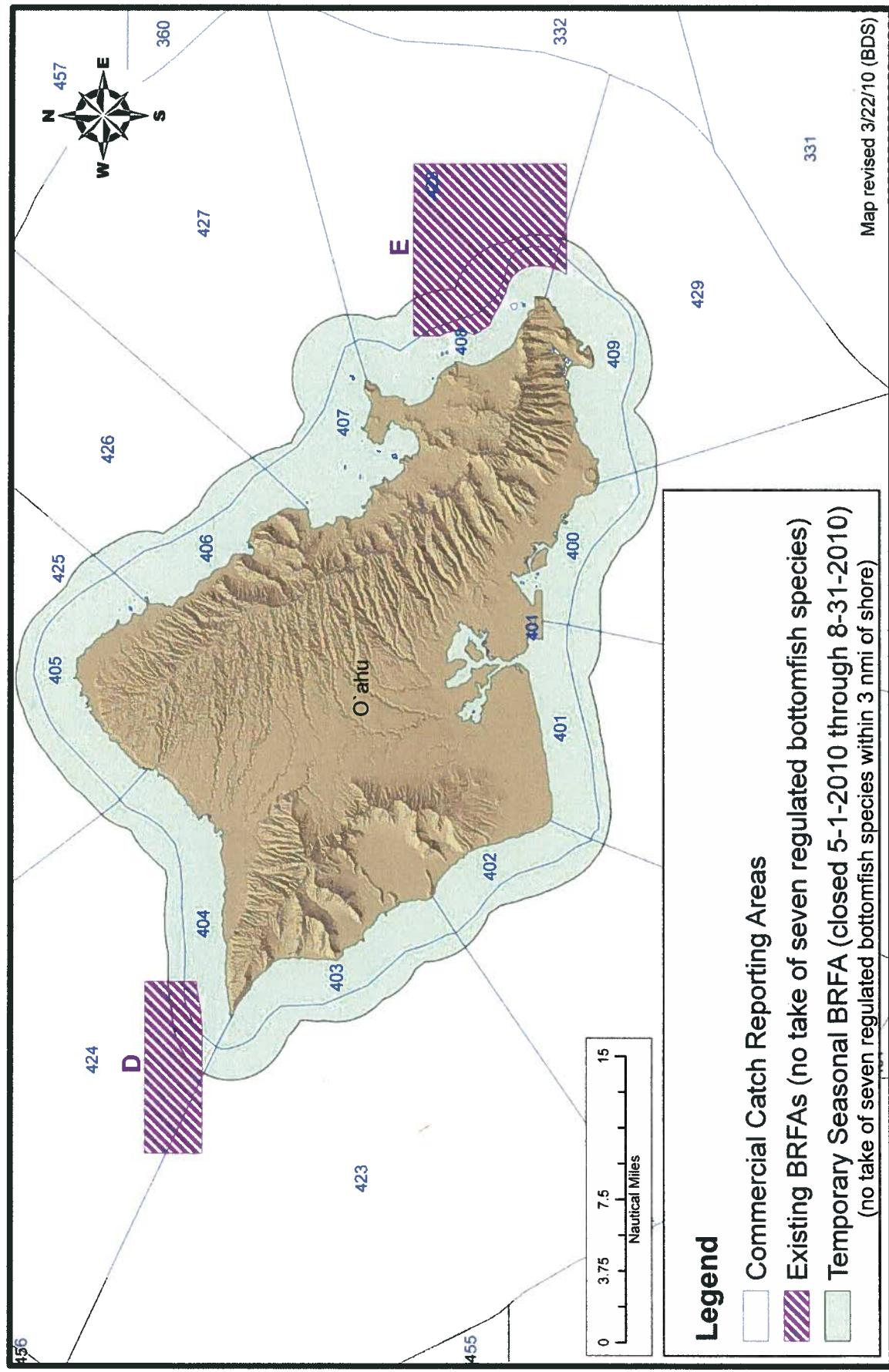
## Exhibit A: Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Areas (BRFAs) 4-8-2010



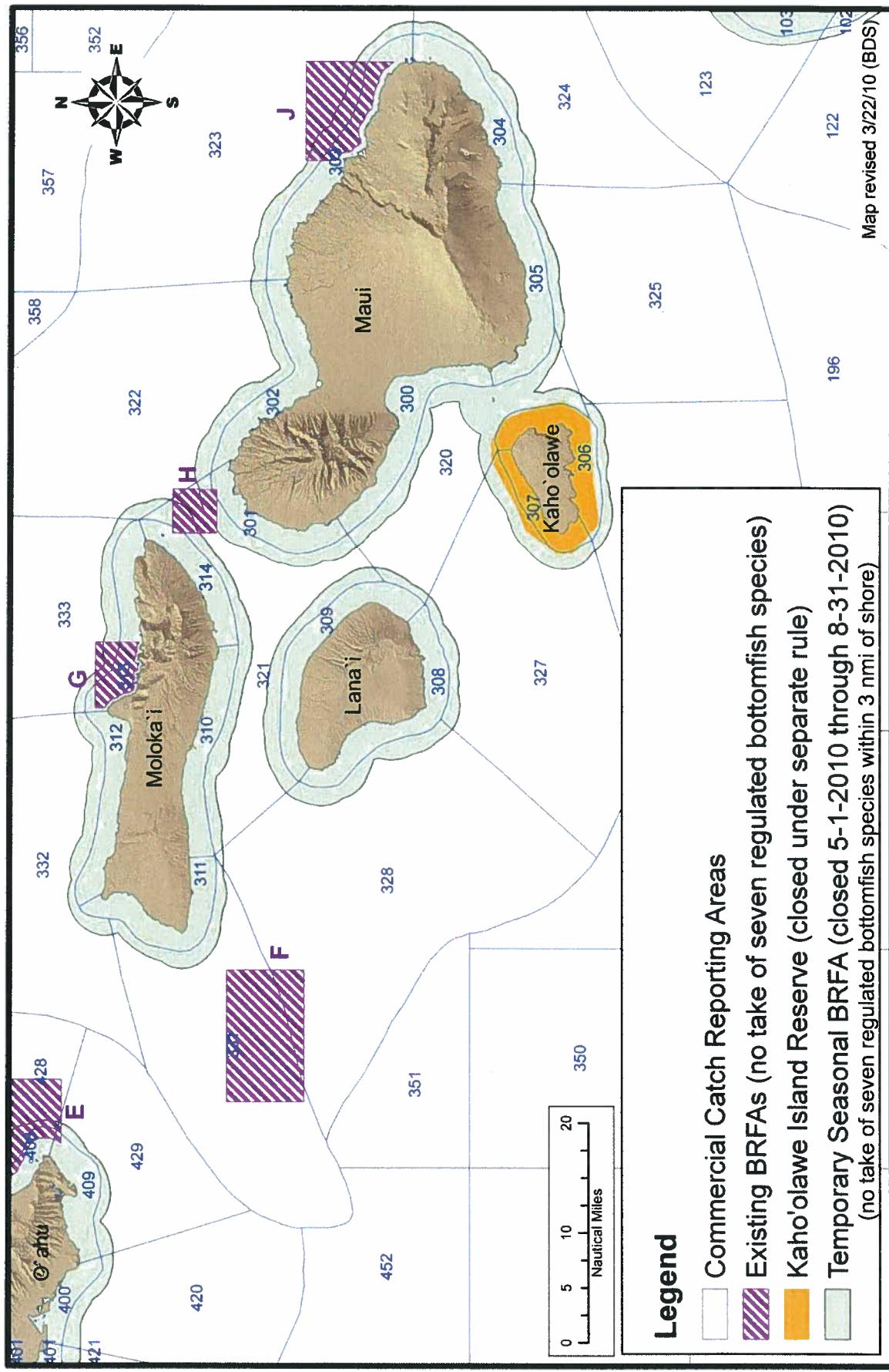
## Exhibit A2: Kauai County BRFAs 4-8-2010



## Exhibit A3: Honolulu City & County BRFAs 4-8-2010



## Exhibit A4: Maui County BRFAs 4-8-2010



## Exhibit A5: Hawai'i County BRFAs 4-8-2010

